

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, August 21, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, was held at the office in Ripley, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman
Kenneth A. Rowe Vice Chairman
Gene Londo Member
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
Kim R. Sohlden Secretary

GUESTS: Dean Peterson, Frances Peterson, David Aittama, Chassell Township; Louis Sullivan, Laird Township; Jim Rowe, Robert Rowe, Torch Lake Township.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William H. Siler, at 1:30 p.m.

Frances Peterson appeared before the board and showed pictures of the amount of water that their private road is getting due to the culvert placed on the South Entry Road. She said the water used to come down the hill on the west side of the road and now comes down the hill on the east side, which is affecting their road. Kevin told her to contact the drain commissioner, as he should be involved, and told Mrs. Peterson, he will write a letter to Chassell Township, as they were to fix any problems associated with the culvert installed during the South Entry Road Project.

Dean Peterson thanked the board for the fine job done on the South Entry Road, and would appreciate any help in fixing the problem they are having with the excessive amount of water they are getting on their private road. He stated they can't walk on the road, and have to drive thru the area, because of the water.

Robert Rowe appeared before the board and stated he would like to see more maintenance on the portion of the Mud Lake Road, from Paradise Lane to Lake Superior. He stated the grader comes up to Paradise Lane and turns around and goes back down the Mud Lake Road, and forgets about the short section which goes to the lake.

Jim Rowe stated that the few times the road is graded, the surface of the road is not cut down enough, and the washboard area is back in a few days. He would also like to see the road raised about two feet, in one area, which would fix the flooding in the spring. Kevin stated it was in a flood plain area, and would require permits, but will contact the DEQ to see what it would take to correct the problem.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Londo, to approve bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 1,058,564.15, covered by vouchers #16/17-60, #16/17-61, #16/17-63, #16/17-64 and #16/17-66 and payroll vouchers #16/17-59, #16/17-62 and #16/17-65.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to award the bids for the surplus equipment to the highest complete bidder, and #9 to Larry Turner, as he was the only bidder and sell #807 to Joe Kotaniemi, if still interested, as no one bid on the item.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the metal culvert prices, as they cost more, but they do not have a problem with coming apart at the connection, like the plastic culverts.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Londo, to vote for the following individuals for the 2017 CRASIF board of trustee candidates; Jesse Campbell, Northern Region; Doug Robidoux, Northern Region; Jerry Smigelski, Northern Region; Tom Doty, UP Region.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the lease with Upper Peninsula Power Company, for lease space on the Donken Radio Tower, for the period of December 1, 2016 thru November 31, 2021, for \$ 2,455.68 annually.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the hiring of Brandon Jurmu, for the Engineering/Survey Tech position open, starting August 21, 2017, with a starting rate of \$ 22.99/hr.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to authorize Kevin P. Harju, contact legal advice on the selling of the previous Houghton County Road Commission office to Houghton County for \$ 100,000.00, and if it is sold, the Houghton County Road Commission will receive half of the profit, over the selling price of \$ 100,000.00.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.